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(54) **Title:** HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY FAB FRAGMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST HCV E2 GLYCOPROTEIN AND  
ENDOWED WITH IN VITRO NEUTRALIZING ACTIVITY

(57) **Abstract:** The invention refers to a human antibody, or its functional fragments, directed against the HCV E2 glycoprotein, able to have a neutralizing activity in vivo; a composition for anti-HCV therapy comprising in a therapeutically effective amount the antibody; a composition for topical use in gel, creme, ointment and ovule formulations; the use of the antibody for validating anti-HCV vaccines.

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